

# Dibble News

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## Dibble Tigers Trim Hammond 4 to 2 As Ball Field Opens

Without the slightest regard for visiting dignitaries, the infant Dibble Tigers chewed the tough Hammond Howitzers down to the score of 4 to 2, when the DGH softball diamond was officially opened on Wednesday, 18 April, before more than 600 cheering fans who more than filled the bleachers. Before the game got under way, Col Corr pitched the first sizzler over the plate to Lt Col Christmas. Maj Eaton, batting, was thrown out at first.

### 3 Runs Scored in First Inning

The maroon and white Tigers wasted no time on pleasantries, but went to work on the favored Hammond team in the first inning. Dion opened with a single, Seely followed him on base with a fielder's choice. Hard-hitting Lt Mulkey drove both boys in with a sweet triple. Wylie got to 1st base on Shapiro's error at third, scoring Lt. Mulkey for the third run.

### Day Fans 6 Men

From here on, Day's masterful pitching kept the Howitzer's under cover, only allowing them four hits, two runs and fanning six men during the game. First casualty of the game was Dion, who injured his leg sliding into home with the first run of the game. Blonde Lt Carlson took his place at second. Seely lined a triple-bagger in the third inning and later scored, accounting for the fourth run.

Lt Linder and his Special Services crew broadcast the game from the field through the hospital program system, so that all bed patients had a front row seat.

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### You Tell Us . . .

We're anxious to hear what you boys in the back room think of the sheet. Which features do you like most? Which would you like added or eliminated? Based on limitations of space, we'll do what we can to fix it.



IN MEMORIAM  
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
1882-1945

32nd President of the United States

## \$44,000 DGH CIVVY GOAL FOR 7TH WAR LOAN DRIVE

The Seventh War Loan Drive, now gathering steam throughout the country, will run through April, May and June. On military reservations, the emphasis is being placed on securing the maximum number of payroll savings deductions, which are Class B for military personnel and Class A for civilians.

The Dibble civilian goal for this drive has been set at \$44,000 worth of war bonds. This quota will run from 9 April through 30 June 1945. This means a substantial increase in bond buying on the part of Dibble's civilian employees because if the purchase rate for the last few weeks may be used as a gauge, the goal set would unfortunately be only half of what has been set. Early responses, however, indicate that there

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## Dibble GI's to Get Furlough Awards For Suggestions

Furloughs, that morale-booster extraordinaire, will be given as awards for suggestions which are turned in by GIs and accepted by the DGH Suggestion Committee. These EM furloughs will NOT be counted against accrued furlough time, nor will they be entered in the service records. And what's more, they will be awarded regardless of any previous ones and will not affect future furloughs ordinarily due an enlisted man or woman.

### Win Up to 15 Days

Capt. Burnett, Director of Personnel and Chairman of the WD Suggestion Committee for DGH, has just announced the following policy in regard to award-furloughs. All enlisted personnel assigned to SCU 1985, or the Detachment of Patients here, are eligible for these award-furloughs of up to 15 days. The Suggestion Committee's evaluation of the idea suggested will determine the number of days awarded. Award-furloughs may run consecutively with ordinary furloughs and the winner may select his or her own date.

All enlisted personnel are encouraged to submit suggestions and ideas for improvements, better and more efficient ways to do a job, conservation of manpower, elimination of waste, saving of material and equipment. And while it doesn't take much looking beyond one's own department, if ideas can be utilized in any other branch or on another military installation, the War Department is looking for them with bigger and better awards to boot.

### Next Meeting This Wednesday

The committee which awards the furloughs to military personnel and cash to the civilian personnel winners is composed of the following members: Capt. J. D. Burnett, Chairman, 2d Lt W. D. Bowden, Coordinator, Maj M. J. Greb, Maj E. S. Curtis, Maj W. H. Eaton, Jr., Mr. M. Harvey; M/Sgt A. J. Malatesta, Mrs. Jayne Jenkins and Mrs. Dorothy Koffman. The committee meets monthly and gives thorough consideration to all suggestions submitted.



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## IN MEMORIAM

The tragedy of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's death is immeasurable. Not only do his fellow-citizens in these United States, but all peoples who have known oppression mourn the passing of a champion of freedom. His progressive views, his irreconcilable front against fascist aggression, his desire to establish post-war peace and world security will not be lost, however, by his untimely passing.

"The courage of great men outlives them to become the courage of their peoples and the peoples of the world. It lives beyond them and upholds their purposes and brings their hopes to pass," said President Harry S. Truman in summing up his own tribute to his great chief.

The theme of President Roosevelt's last message—"All peoples must learn to live together in peace"—will be the spirit that will persevere and guide the international delegates at the United Nations Conference to once and forever "conquer the doubts and the fears, the ignorance and the greed" which make war possible.

## THE PEACE TO END WAR

The combined military forces of the United Nations are directed toward two goals—an end to the rule of fascist gangsterism in international affairs, and the restoration of law that will enable the peoples of a sovereign country to govern themselves and live together in a world of friendly nations. The first goal is already in sight, and probably by the time we go to press, the American, British and Russian armies will be greeting each other on the Wilhelmstrasse in a smashed Berlin.

But the second goal is far from being in the bag. There can be no justification for war unless it is the fashioning of a less imperfect peace. And if this peace falls through, there can be no redemption that mankind can offer for the brutal horrors of this decade. Within the brackets of our memories, and even before that, there have been wars to end wars. But there has never been a peace . . . to end wars, and that may well be the ticket to global peace.

The United Nations Conference on International Organization is vested with a four-fold purpose of setting up such a body: 1. To maintain international peace and military security through collective measures against aggression. 2. To maintain friendly relations among all nations. 3. To cooperate on an international scale in the solution of economic, social and humanitarian problems of international nature. 4. To provide an international center to harmonize all the efforts of nations to achieve these ends.

That's a big bill to fill, and fill it we must. No matter what picayune nationalistic concepts block the road to achievement, in the face of world-wide need it must be viewed with global perspective. If the delegates from all the world over meet with the fervent resolve that this will for once be a peace that will end all wars, that here is the opportunity to permit all peoples to live with one another in harmony and understanding, nothing will serve to block this ultimate aim of the United Nations.

## Blind Rehab Offers Pointers to Personnel

The rehabilitation of the blinded veteran is a difficult job in any hospital. In order for the orientors to do an excellent job, all personnel of the hospital must cooperate. Too often the confidence of a blind patient adjusting himself is hindered by the thoughtlessness and carelessness of a sighted person. To guide you here are a few pointers:

1. Keep the passageways and corridors clear of laundry and chow carts, suitcases, etc. unless you are there to move them.

2. A blind patient knows his way around the hospital and can get by on his own. We encourage his confidence by letting him "go" on his own.

3. If you see one of the boys completely lost, ask him if he needs any help but don't offer directions without some indication that they are wanted. If you see a patient about to hurt himself, do whatever you think best to prevent it.

4. The patients are tired of playing guessing games. If you want to speak to one of them just say "Hello Jim this is Jack speaking," etc.

5. If you see an orientor giving instructions to a patient, wait until the conversation is over before speaking to either of the two men. It is important that the patient concentrate on all instructions.

6. The best medical advice a man can get is from his medical officer.

## Chapel Services

### PROTESTANT

Sunday: Worship Service, N-P Section, 0900; Sacred Music Concert, Chapel, 0930; Preaching Service, Chapel, 1000; Musical Program, N-P Section, 1830. Tuesday: Bible Study and Discussion, Chapel, 1830. Office Conference Hours: Each week day, 0900-1000.

### CATHOLIC

Sunday: Mass, N-P Section, 0900; Mass, Chapel, 0610, 0745 and 1100. Week days: Mass, Chapel, 1700; Confession, Chapel, before and after Mass. Saturday: Confession, Chapel, 1900-2100. Office Conference hours: Wednesday, 1500-1700.

### JEWISH

Friday: Service, Chapel, 1815.

Conferences for almost any time are easily arranged by seeing us or calling our office, Ext. 299.

All personnel, military and civilian, their family and friends, are invited to attend the services of their choice.

GOD'S BEST BLESSINGS ON YOU!

Ira V. Garrison, Post Chaplain.

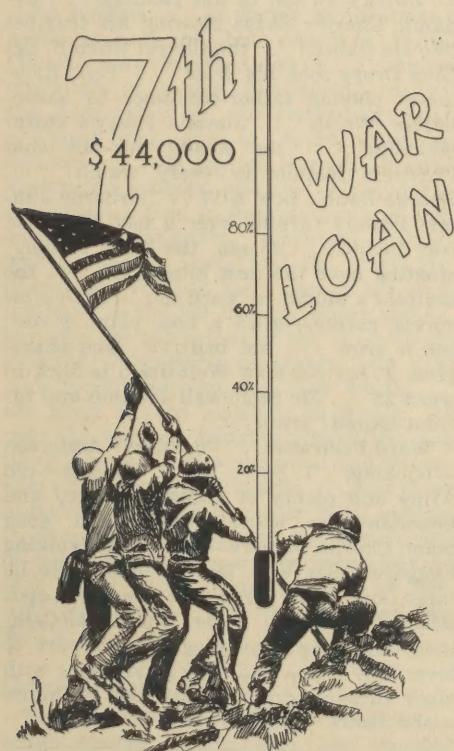
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**BOX SCORE**

HAMMOND		DIBBLE	
AB	H R O	AB	H R O
Clark, 2b	3 1 0 1	Dion, 2b	0 0 1 0
Lopez, sf	2 0 1 2	Seeley, ss	3 1 1 1
Briner, ss	3 0 0 3	Villapando, 3b	3 0 0 3
Shapiro, 3b	3 1 0 2	Mulkey, sf	3 2 2 1
Giambastiani, 1b	3 0 0 3	Riley, cf	3 0 0 3
Anaya, lf	2 1 1 2	Wylie, rf	3 0 0 2
Ruiz, c	2 0 0 2	Moher, lf	3 0 0 3
Jarvis, cf	3 0 0 3	Farkas, 1b	2 1 0 1
Bogen, p	2 1 0 2	Lagoe, c	2 1 0 1
Pappas, rf	2 0 0 2	Day, p	2 0 0 2
Tuft, p	1 0 0 0	Carlson, 2b	2 0 0 1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27 4 2 21</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>25 5 4 18</b>

Errors—Seeley, Villapando, Shapiro. 3-base hits—Mulkey, Seeley. 2-base hits—Clark, Mulkey, Lagoe. Base on balls—Off Day 3, Off Gogen 3. Strikeouts—by Day 6, Bogen 1, Jarvis 4. Winning Pitcher—Day. Umpires—Richards and Spillers. Announcers—Gamble, Cooper, Spence.

HAMMOND	0 0 0 0 0 1	I—2
DIBBLE	3 0 1 0 0 0	x—4

**DGH Civvy War Loan Quota**

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should be no trouble in filling Dibble's quota.

Tentative objectives have also been set for the increase in the number of war bond allotments by the military personnel. Here they are: 100% participation by the officers and nurses, 80% by non-commissioned officers of the first four grades and 40% by all other enlisted personnel.

If this drive to help finance the war, still far from won, is to be successful, all personnel must make every effort to purchase extra war bonds by cash. These purchases may be made at the Finance Office, Room 101, Administration Building.

Let's all get behind this Seventh War Loan Drive and help the Armed Forces bury the Japs in the China Sea!

**New Post Library Ready for Use in May**

The new Post Library, springing up like a mushroom next to the Chapel on D Street, will be completed and ready for use by the end of May. The building will be 79 by 30 feet in size, and its huge reading room will have an acoustical ceiling.

Twenty-eight hundred government-owned books plus nearly 1000 donated volumes now fill the shelves in the present DGH Post Library. Several special collections, part of the library's stock, are in Occupational Therapy and at the Recon Annex. Add to this over 60 national subscriptions and countless other donated popular magazines, and you have a library that any small town can be proud of.

Working with Miss Harriet Arnold and her library staff, Miss Gale Howe and Mrs. Geraldine Hoffman, are a dozen willing volunteers who take a miniature library on wheels to the wards three times a week for the bed patients.

**5 DGH Patients Drive for UNCIO**

Literally in the drivers' seats will be five enlisted men of the Detachment of Patients, quartered in the Reconditioning Annex, who have been selected for temporary duty as staff car drivers for delegates and other notables attending the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco, starting 25 April 1945.

All former infantrymen, Tech Sgt Charles G. Bury, Tech Sgt James Musut, Sgt Floyd Rice, Pfc John Heffley, and Pvt Kenneth Broyles are the men selected. They'll have a front seat in one of the most important meetings of this century.

**5 Patients Decorated In Rec Hall Ceremony**

An Air Corps pilot, a field Artillery officer and three enlisted men, including two Japanese-American members of the famed 442nd Infantry Regiment in Italy, were decorated in the Rec Hall on Tuesday, 10 April. Col W. P. Corr, Commanding Officer, presented the decorations.

The Distinguished Flying Cross went to 2d Lt Joseph W. McCloskey, 26-year old pilot out of San Antonio, Texas, who attended the ceremony in a wheelchair. The Bronze Star, for meritorious service in Italy and France, was given to 1st Lt Edwin C. Wood, FA, another Texan from Corpus Christi. Purple Hearts, for wounds received in action, went to the three enlisted men, all of whom wear the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Pvt. Tito O'Kamato, of Glendale, California, was wounded by shrapnel from an 88 in the vicinity of Belmont, France, near the Siegfried Line; Honolulu's S/Sgt Masoa Tamayai, squad leader of a rifle company, was plugged in the right cheek by a Jerry sniper in Italy; Pvt. Harry Cota, Santa Barbara, California, ex-Third Infantry Division, is a veteran of five campaigns. Wounded twice, he saw action in North Africa, Salerno, Anzio and Southern France. He was splattered by an exploding enemy phosphorous grenade near Lyons, France. That sent him home.

**Hotel Situation Critical in S.F.**

The already critical hotel situation in San Francisco will be greatly intensified during the United Nations Conference beginning next week. All military agencies and their personnel are requested to curtail visits to San Francisco during the conference to the fullest extent practicable.



# All present and accounted for!

## Medical OT's

Eager Beaver of the week is "Dutch" Sneiderker, who waltzed tardily into Wednesday's Orientation class in the dark of the Post Theatre (thinking it was Thursday), only to find himself hopelessly outflanked by officers when the lights went on! All that brass and no potatoes . . . was his face red! Nominees for the DGH Volunteer Firemen's Club—M/Sgt Bud McKay and T/3 Zip Zipperman . . . sharp lads! . . . On the way to civvies are Carl Frankl, Gerald Tootle, and Ray Kidwell . . . no comment. All the old paint is being chipped slowly away—Rudy Breed and "Griz" Bentz-Recon; Joe McConaughey-P and P; Don Shroyer—Surgery; "Chubby" Whitaker, Cliff Gard, Ed Weitz—Dental Clinic; Jack McDonald, Les Smith, Ed Werner, "Whimpy" Rhodes, Harry Rinker, Dick Osborne . . . and many others.

**NON-COMpos-mentis**—that dance in Redwood, thanks to Mel Klar and his boys . . . flowers, refreshments, music by Jim Davis and the "Blue Blowers" . . . and that nectar of the gods flowed like wine, but not for long. Nick and Vidvil tended bar . . . standing up! Joe McConaughey's send-off by the Maxwell-Kennedy-Flournoy clan . . . and the 1st Sgt was there, too . . . uh, huh, back in the fold again . . . even Tom Marinkovich showed briefly, with his fiancee. . . . The gauntlet is down—Section IV challenges Section I to a softball game . . . eastern style, no knives.

Attention, Capt. O'Malley



By Skeezo Freenia

**Here we go again!** Thinking that the first stint would be the last, the editor had very little arm-bending (pardon me, the word is "twisting"), to do for the first issue . . . for a country job it is really pretty good . . . much better than the vocal trio composed of Lts Ferderber, Pokorney and Lidstrom. Visiting fireman Lt Harris would do well to keep clear of those three . . . they'll do him no good. The long nocturnal wailings of said trio may well account for the fact that the AOD finds it necessary to eject Lt Ferderber from his bed each morning, an additional duty initiated by the resourceful Capt Burnett.

Speaking of the club, those of you who have not seen the rehabilitated bar are missing a bet . . . of fish there are many . . . snakes are provided to suit the individual brand.

WOJG Howe has a seegar for breakfast every morning . . . smokes one half and chews the other half. CWO Burgess brings his own stewed apricots to breakfast. . . . By unanimous vote, Lt Bowden was proclaimed new secretary-treasurer of BOQ and he claims some changes will be made . . . hope he means the bed linen.

Glad to see Lt Fuchs exchange her well-polished gold bars for silver . . . say, wait a minute, how did she get mixed up in a BOQ column? When married officers were evicted . . . yes, evicted . . . from BOQ, Lt Feuerburgh looked like a homeless pup . . . he now has books and clothes in half a dozen rooms, as does Lt Bennett.

## Oh Nurse!

With spring in the air and lovely eye-appealing June Carabine, RN, on Ward 24, it's no wonder that the boys are singing "My Dreams Are Getting Better All the Time." And why not? Absent, but with leave, are Lts Iva Goff, Magrethe Honore, Audrey Hatling. With the Maxillo-Facial Detachment are 1st Lts Lillian Fitzgerald and Louise Scott . . . hello to Charlotte Steitz, OTR, from England GH . . . Rather quiet this week, which may explain the brevity of the column. . . .

## WARD chatter

By Sgt Sexton Haight

**Bright Spots** . . . The short-sheeted mystery that got Lt Lindberg down . . . soul-saving devices to bolster Lt Johnston . . . Lt Zwith's switch to dill pickling . . . dynamic Charles Chase blowing his trumpet like ole Gabriel . . . the Chapel when S/Sgt Glen Drury took his bride . . . "Pop" Richmond playing father-confessor to sheepherder Walsh . . . Jimmie Pevey's guitar melodies . . . the steady tick-tick that Childress installs in every watch . . . George Raub's new B-17 . . . airborne Jimmie Powers turning over a new Redwood leaf on life . . . Magin, the "Mad Potter," gloating over the new kiln in OT . . . the sculptor's studio in ward 1 . . . OT's new spring garden—grab a hoe, plant a row, see it grow . . . not bad! . . . look sharp, girls, T/Sgt Norman Weintraub is back in ward 25 . . . Pfc Stonewall Jackson and his titan-haired "sister."

**Ward Portraits** . . . "Restless" Anderson—bucking; T/Sgt. Willie Roscoe—old Army and plenty of action, Maroney and Brannon—the wine, women and song team; Charlie Ganiere—permanent walking hangover; Sgt Wes Warlick looks like he talks and vice versa; Pfc Harold Lopez skinned in a skin game; Charlie McCammon—applying psychology to the art of love; Billy Auz—confusing good liquor with elixir turpenhydrate; S/Sgt. Bob Bullmore—the Santa Cruz prowler.



# WAC Wise

By Sgt Ruth Harrison

A new day for the WAC detachment at Dibble . . . a rapidly growing company comes of age as new administrative officers take over their duties . . . Lt Anna Walraven—Asst. CO; Cpl. Laura Kasmiersak—Company Clerk; Cpl. Ann McCrary—Supply Sgt Lt Fuchs is, of course, the CO, and Acting 1st Sgt Maybelle Mayes still reigns . . . the glad hand to our CO on those silver bars (and incidentally on that raunchy combat jacket!) . . . and those new promotions . . . Sgt Barbara Castro with her fingers crossed and a 15-day furlough tucked away.

An enigma . . . a doctor is a doctor, a nurse is a nurse, but what's a WAC? (Shall we answer that one?) . . . she's a multitude of things. She enlists so that the Army may use her civilian specialty, or teach her one at Army Specialist Schools . . . Lab, Dental, Medical, Surgical Technician schools, and our PT students. Let's meet a few: In Information and Education—inelastic, competent instructors Sgt Adine Force and Cpl Mary Stephens. Our WAC Lt Mary Cass is the shining light in the NP Section where she supervises the recreation of the closed ward patients. Psychiatric assistants Pvts Ross and Domnitz are proving their worth . . . Pfc Mary Horton instructs in Braille. All over the hospital, banging typewriters and filing papers, are the perennial and invaluable office clerks and typists . . . and those unheralded gals in blue, the WAC medics. In dungarees are the hard working drivers of the motor pool . . . no two jobs alike, no two WACs alike. From Brooklyn or Boston, the teacher or student, come the WACs. . . .

## Quick Trial!

London (CNS) — Lord Vansittart, a tough-minded Briton who has devoted much time and study to the problem of how to deal with defeated Germany, said only two factors need be considered in deciding the fate of war criminals—"the location of the gallows and the length of the drop."

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



**DETACHMENT FORMATION.** All spit and polish, as demonstrated by the Medics, WACs and Cadet Nurses

# CIVIL Tongues

By Elnora Eastman, Lab

Just like getting the measles—Fonda Kelly is now Mrs. John Johnson, Navy wife; Marie Hare flying to Avon, Conn., for her orange blossoms . . . both in Military Personnel. Not quite overboard is Terry Andrews, Medical Supply Branch, engaged to Frank Cunha, Navy. And Celia Rodrigues, the Supply Amazon, has landed the Navy, too. . . . Glee Club Canaries' President Natalie Peterson and Secretary Jean Ward are even more gleeful that brand-new Pfc Fred Swan wields the baton . . . every Wednesday night, 7 to 9, in the Chapel. Bob Dodd and Smitty copped dancing prizes at the Civvies Easter Dance. . . . Gene Bell is back at work—hexed his hip hopping at home. A sorrier looking bunch you never did see . . . the Lab gang last Tuesday morn after bidding farewell to their buddies on Bayshore.

BUY WAR BONDS

## Bank Facility Opens In Post Office Lobby

The banking facility opened in the post office lobby this Monday, is the 46th non-profit installation of the kind to be made at military establishments in California by the Bank of America. Approved by the Treasury Department, it will provide limited banking service for both military and civilian personnel of DGH.

**Daily Hours—12 to 2**

Banking hours will be from 1200 to 1400, Mondays through Fridays, and will remain closed on Saturdays. The facility will be operated under the supervision of L. L. Johnston, manager of the Menlo Park branch of the Bank of America, and Frank Marolt, pro-assistant cashier, will furnish the service.

Accounts may be opened, deposits made, checks cashed, money orders, travelers cheques issued and paid and other banking services are available without the necessity of leaving the post.

## Who Threw That Section Eight?



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## Building Program Covers Wide Front Here

**Swimming Pool Ready in August**

An open-air swimming pool will soon be added to the list of athletic facilities available to personnel on this post. To be located on 5th street, next to and east of the Post Gym, the pool, 50 by 100 feet, will boast of two diving boards, two shower rooms, two dressing rooms, and the water will be heated. Its capacity will be 185 persons.

According to the latest information from the Resident Engineer, the pool will be completed and ready for use some time in August.

### Modern Plastic Eye Lab

Bids for construction of a new Plastic Eye Lab were opened last month and building will be under way shortly. The building will include operating and treatment rooms, class rooms for braille and typing, occupational therapy for the blind and several conference rooms.

The specially-designed interior is the result of extended collaboration between Lt Col Cutler, Chief EENT Section and Ninth Service Command Consultant in Ophthalmology, and Major Eaton, Post Engineer. The clinic will be located between the present Eye Clinic and the Officers' Club.

### Eleven New Hospital Wards

Conversion of eleven barracks into hospital wards, which were formerly used for housing by the Medical, Quartermaster and Military Police detachments, will be completed by about 1 May. Part of the Army's vast hospital expansion program, DGH's increase in bed capacity to 2368 has necessitated this change.

The San Francisco District Engineer, through the J. D. O'Connor Company of San Francisco, is lining all the walls, installing a sprinkler system and covering all the floors with linoleum. No extension of the program distribution system, now in use throughout all the wards, is contemplated at the present time.



"How'd y'know we wuz collitch goils?"

## CINEMA

Sat., 21 Apr.	1900
The Clock Judy Garland and R. Walker	
Sun., 22 Apr.	1900
Mon., 23 Apr.	1815, 2000
It's a Pleasure Sonja Henie and M. O'Shea	
Tues., 24 Apr.	1815, 2000
The Power of the Whistler Richard Dix	
Thur., 26 Apr.	1815, 2015
Fri., 27 Apr.	1815, 2015
A Royal Scandal Bankhead & Coburn	
Sat., 28 Apr.	1900
Delightfully Dangerous Jane Powell & Bellamy	
Sun., 29 Apr.	1900
Mon., 30 Apr.	1815, 2015
Salty O'Rourke Alan Ladd & Russell	
Tues., 1 May	1815, 2000
High Powered Lowery & Brooks	
Thurs., 3 May	1815, 2030
Two Girls and a Sailor Allyson, DeHaven & Durante	
Fri., 4 May	1815, 2015
Brewster's Millions O'Keefe, Havoc & Rochester	

## Patients Entertainment Schedule

Sat., 21 Apr.	RC	1900
Kitchen Party		
Sun., 22 Apr.	RC	1200-1900
Open House		
Mon., 23 Apr.	Recon	1300
San Mateo JC Program		
Dancing Class	RC	1900
Tues., 24 Apr.		
Combat Bulletin "Bring on the Girls"	Recon RC	1300 1745-1915
Wed., 25 Apr.		
G. I. Movie	Recon	1300
"Hi Fellers" USO Show	SS	1900
Thur., 26 Apr.		
UNCIO News	Recon	1300
Open House	RC	1900
Fri., 27 Apr.		
"Our Chinese Ally" "What a Blonde!"	Recon RC	1300 1745-1915
Sat., 28 Apr.		
Kitchen Party	RC	1900

## 4 Training Schools Here In Continuous Session

Several training schools are continually in session here at Dibble, but in the opinion of the Military Branch, few people are fully aware of them. So, to review them briefly:

A three months "Applicatory Course" for physical therapists, under the direction of Lt. Wallace, PTA, is being conducted for WAC officer candidates in the Physical Therapy Department. There are five candidates now in training.

Basic training for Senior Cadet Nurses, who are taking a three months course in practical nursing under the supervision of 1st Lt. Meehan, ANC, is one of the newest courses on the post. Upon the completion of their course here, the senior cadets will return to Letterman General Hospital to finish their studies.

An applicatory training program for Orthopedic Mechanics will be started shortly under the tutelage of T/4 Steve Cravath, in charge of the Orthopedic Shop. This three-months course is awaiting the arrival of the first trainees.

Miss Donelson, head of the Occupational Therapy department in the Recon Branch, is conducting a 34-week course on that subject. The next eight weeks phase is concerned with the Neuropsychiatric portion of the occupational therapists' work. At today's issue, the course is approximately half completed.

### Red Cross Announces New Staff

Hospital life would not be complete without the ever present Red Cross. New Field Director of the Dibble Red Cross staff is Martha Barrows, who succeeded Mrs. Maybelle Hargroves recently. Beccy Blashko took the place of Ruth Charlton as Recreational Director.

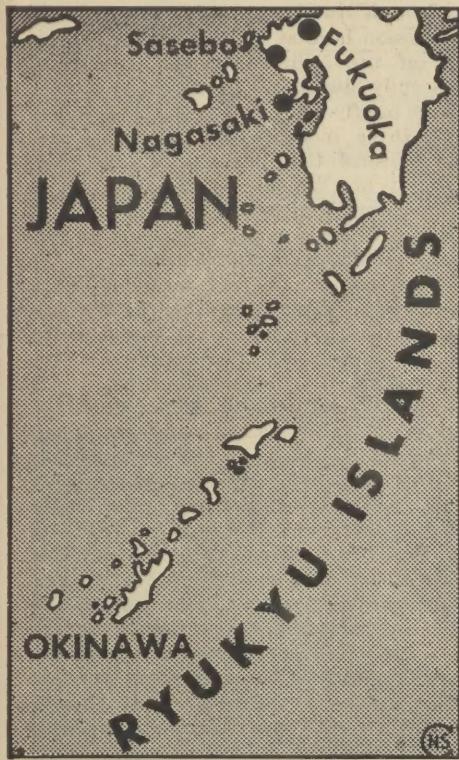
Assistant to the Field Director is Jane Simonds; the recreational staff boasts Eu-nice Crooke and Frances Keller. Numerous specialists are assigned to various fields: Barbara Bailey—NP social work; Alta Harries—Claims; Doris Johnson, Sally Perlman, Elizabeth Shea—Medical social work; Jane Jones, Jean Smith—Blind. Other hospital workers are: Ethel Anderson, Kathleen Farris, Katherine Knapple, Eleanor McCullough, Mary Pattenade and Virginia Smith.

### Special Services Bring Shows

Under the auspices of Special Services, Clarence Day's rollicking "Life With Father," with Carl Benton Reid and Betty Linley playing the leads, was presented on the stage of the Rec Hall this past Wednesday.

"Showing Off," a USO Camp-Show variety revue, played the wards in the afternoon and the Rec Hall that same evening.

135 DGH men sat in on the annual "St. Moritz Ice Revue" in Berkeley, on Thursday evening.

**THE RYUKYU ISLANDS**

By Camp Newspaper Service

The Ryukyu Islands are an archipelago of 55 islands stretching between Kyushu, southernmost island of the Japanese mainland, and Formosa.

Largest and most important island of the group is Okinawa, in the approximate center of the archipelago, about 400 miles southwest of Kyushu and 375 miles northeast of Formosa. Okinawa is about 70 miles long and 10 miles wide with a circumference of 268 miles. Okinawa contains two cities, Naha and Shuri. Naha, the capital and principal harbor, has a population of 68,500.

**Motor Pool Piles Up Mileage**

Since 9 October 1943, about a year and a half ago, the DGH Motor Pool has grown from one staff car to 34 vehicles of varying types.

The pool to date consists of four staff cars, two metropolitan ambulances, eight field ambulances, one 15-passenger bus, one 9-passenger carry-all, seven stake-side trucks, two dump trucks, six pickup trucks and the latest additions—three 29-passenger busses.

Under the supervision of WOJG E. S. Howe, and assisted by S/Sgt W. Thomas, Motor Pool Sergeant, and T/4 I. W. Johnson, Chief Dispatcher, nineteen enlisted and civilian personnel drove 37,164 miles during February 1945, (that's five round trips from Dibble to the White House in Washington, D.C.), consumed 3,061 gallons of gasoline, (the vehicles, that is, not the personnel), made 929 trips and were in use 4,075 hours!



*Q. Does the Army pay of American soldiers continue while they are prisoners-of-war?*

**A. Certainly.** While a GI is the prisoner of an enemy, his Army pay is saved for him and paid to him on his release. His family allotments continue while he is a prisoner. The treatment of American prisoners by the enemy is governed by rules established at the Geneva Convention.

*Q. Is the use of poison gas in warfare prohibited by any treaties or agreements between the nations now at war? Is the U.S. a signatory to any treaty or agreement prohibiting use of poison gas?*

**A. The U. S. is not a party to any existing pact or other agreement not to use gas.** Great Britain and Germany ratified the 1925 Geneva protocol, the former with reservations. Germany also signed The Hague agreement of 1907 but ignored it by using gas in the first World War. Japan is not committed to any agreement.

*Q. I have heard that a soldier hospitalized for venereal disease no longer loses his pay. Is that correct?*

**A. That is correct.** You are referred to AR 25-1440, dated November, 1944.



**President Harry S. Truman  
... takes over the helm.**

**Refugee Jews Fight Nazis in Italy**

Rome (CNS)—An all-Jewish brigade has gone into action against the Nazis as part of the British 8th Army. The brigade is commanded by Brig Ernest F. Benjamin, of the British Regular Army's Royal Engineers. The prevailing language is Hebrew. The brigade, which already has suffered and inflicted casualties and taken prisoners, carries the Star of David into battle. More than 1,000,000 Jews are in service in other branches of Allied armies, it was announced.



**Col. Corr and Lt. Lilly looking over the first issue of the DIBBLE NEWS.**



So far as the DIBBLE NEWS is concerned, MGM's blonde beauty hasn't a thing to worry about when it comes to . . . well, you see what we mean!